

Lillian Russell's Racing Comedy Wildfire

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Based on "Wildfire," a racing comedy by George Broadhurst and George V. Hobart, now running at the Liberty Theatre.
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STORIES OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Henrietta Barrington, a beautiful young widow, inherits her husband's racing stable. Under the name of "John Duffy" she privately continues the stable. Mrs. Barrington's younger sister, Myrtle, is engaged to Ralph Woodhurst, whose Puritanical father, Dr. Woodhurst, is author of an anti-race-track bill. Ralph secretly gambles. Hiding this fact from his father, other guests at Mrs. Barrington's country house are Sanderson and Garrison, authors of the anti-race-track bill, an Englishman, and Janet Spurling, whom he loves. Garrison plots to buy Wildfire, Mrs. Barrington's best race horse. He thinks the horse is owned by John Duffy, a reputed bookmaker, whom he hates. Mrs. Barrington tells Donovan that Duffy has insulted her.

CHAPTER IV.

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A Proposal.

DONOVAN raised a fist that suggested the head of a sledge hammer, and in a voice trembling with anger said: "Just you say the word, and with this I'll place a new bunch of villages all over his map." Mrs. Barrington pleaded: "No, Donovan, no. Please don't quarrel with him. I must suffer his insults. It's a part of my inheritance with the horses." "Gee! I'd like to pass that guy one punch that would land him in Dopeville proper. But don't you worry about his number. A fellow swells up and half-way believes it himself. And I never denies it. Let him still for us; he can't do us any harm. And, say, if he tries to get fresh with you, I'll just coax him out in one of those horse-lots over yonder and hand him one busy wallop!" Mrs. Barrington laid her hands affectionately on his shoulders.

"You've stood by him honestly and faithfully, Donovan, and I appreciate it. But I can't stand the strain. If Wildfire pushes his nose first under the wire to-morrow—" "Yes!" interrupted Donovan. Mrs. Barrington dropped her hands with a great sigh. "I shall sell out."

"Sell out! Sell the stable!" cried Donovan. "Exactly."

"Don't do it, ma'am. Wildfire is the finest horse that—" "I must do it. I shall do it. I WILL do it!"

The trainer stamped his hands with an air of finality. "They're sold," he cried. "It is the very thing I've been working and waiting for all the time. I didn't keep the stable because I wanted to keep it. Instead of my husband leaving me well off, as everyone imagined, I found all his money had been lost and that in place of a comfortable fortune to support my sister and myself I was left a string of race-horses. A string of race-horses left to me-to me, who hardly knew the difference between the starting post and the judges' stand." She laughed weakly. "It was so funny that after I got over being mad I laughed till I cried. I laugh even now when I think of it. A string of horses left to me!"

The determination had aroused her spirits. She ended her remarks with a hearty laugh. Again she was composed, light-hearted woman of business. Donovan admired her grit. "But you never weakened," were his encouraging words.

With a defiant toss of the head she replied: "Weaken! Not much! I wasn't going to be the human joke for all my friends. Since the horses were all I had, I made up my mind I'd handle them as best I could."

"And no one could have done it better," complimented Donovan. "Thanks to you, Donovan," she answered, giving him her hand.

"No, ma'am, thanks to you. You've been the brains of the Duffy Stable," shaking her hand heartily.

"Anyway, we've put them on a paying basis and to-day we have the best three-year-old in the country—Wildfire! Isn't she a darling, Donovan?" she asked sympathetically.

"Indeed, she is, ma'am."

With deep sincerity she continued: "I know I shall hate to part with her."

"Don't do it," begged the trainer. "Looking about her in fear of being overheard, she decided:

"I must have always loved horses; now I love the game as well. But it isn't the work for a woman. Wildfire will fetch a big price after she has won the Ocean Stakes to-morrow."

"If anything happened—and she didn't win," suggested Donovan.

"She's got to win." Then the full purport of his remark came to her. With less confidence she continued: "She's got to win! There's nothing in the race that can touch her at the weights, and every dollar I can raise is on her. She's got to win."

"Jackdaw has beat her once this season."

"Wildfire was bumped at the turn. She snapped her finger as if it were a trifle."

"She might be bumped again." Donovan spoke very seriously.

"Donovan, you don't think there's a chance of Wildfire losing, do you?" she gasped.

"There's always a chance—that's what makes racing."

The answer was not consoling.

"If she should lose," she murmured. Here was a situation she had not fully considered in her enthusiasm. Donovan interrupted her reflections.

"Jackdaw's a good horse, there's no getting away from that—and Wildfire is conceding him twelve pounds."

She carefully considered his words before she answered, with an air of confidence: "She can do it."

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On sale Friday, 4 lbs. of our popular Java Blend Coffee, at its regular price of 35c, 1 lb. and 5 lbs. of Granulated Sugar, for..... **\$1.00**

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